Uttar Pradesh:

(In thousand tons)

Year	Commodity	Quantity
2005-06	Rice	5,593.124
	Wheat	5,386.128
	Kerosene	1241.772
	Sugar	386.30
2006-07	Rice	6,248.499
	Wheat	2,080.878
	Kerosene	1241.772
	Sugar	365.48
2007-08	Rice	3,020.884
	Wheat	1,529.806
	Kerosene	1241.772
	Sugar	412.02

Bihar:

(In thousand tons)

Year	Commodity	Quantity
2005-06	Rice	2,267.745
	Wheat	2,662.959
	Kerosene	647.430
	Sugar	7.48
2006-07	Rice	2,856,247
	Wheat	1,132.097
	Kerosene	647.430
	Sugar	77.54
2007-08	Rice	1,886.328
	Wheat	881.703
	Kerosene	647.430
	Sugar	84.6

Production and procurement of foodgrains in Punjab

2062.SHRI NARESH GUJRAL : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the average production of foodgrains in Punjab in the last three years, both Rabi and Kharif crops;

(b) how much of this production was procured by Food Corporation of India; and

(c) the total warehousing capacity in the State and whether it is being utilized 100 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The production of foodgrains, alongwith the quantity of wheat and rice procured in the last three marketing seasons in Punjab by FCI and State agencies for Central pool is as follows:

(in lakh tonnes)

Season	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
	Production	Procurement	Prod.	Proc.	Prod.*	Proc.
Kharif	106.20	88.55 (of rice)	106.45	78.28 (of rice)	110.30	79.07 (of rice)
Rabi	145.64	69.46 (of wheat in RMS 2006-07)	146.68	67.81 (of wheat in RMS 2007-08)	158.13	99.39 (of wheat in RMS 2008-09)
Total	251.84	158.01	253.13	146.09	268.43	178.46

* 4th advance estimates released on 9.7.08

(c) The total warehousing capacity in Punjab with FCI as on 31.10.2008 and its utilization is as follows:

(in lakh tonnes)

Capacity	Stocks held	Utilization %
55.65	24.48	44

List of items included in Essential Commodities Act

†2063. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of items included in the list of essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 at present;

(b) whether Government proposes to review the importance of this Act keeping in view the present era of economic liberalization?

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by when, Government proposes to make such a review; and

(e) the latest status of the matter as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) At present there are 7 number of essential commodities included in the list under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. These are as under:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.